

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RESOLUTION TO HONOR MR. PHILLIP J. HENOCH OF ROCHESTER, MN

HON. GIL GUTKNECHT

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 9, 1996

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of the great citizens of my hometown, Rochester, MN, on his 81st birthday:

Whereas, Phillip J. Henoch has served his country with honor as a member of the U.S. Submarine Corps during the Second World War; and

Whereas, Phillip J. Henoch has been honored by the city of Rochester for his community volunteer work; and

Whereas, Phillip J. Henoch has been commended by the Rochester Chamber of Commerce for his many contributions to the Rochester community; and

Whereas, Phillip J. Henoch was instrumental in the founding of the Northland House, which later became the Ronald McDonald House; and

Whereas, Phillip J. Henoch currently serves as an officer and director for the southeastern Minnesota initiative fund, which helps build and strengthen local communities; and

Whereas, Phillip J. Henoch was one of the original founders of the Greater Rochester Area University Center; and

Whereas, Phillip J. Henoch has served on numerous committees for the Rochester Independent School District No. 535; and

Whereas, Phillip J. Henoch has exemplified the generosity of the business community in order to better our community for many years; and

Whereas, Phillip J. Henoch has contributed to both his country and community, thereby making both better places to live, work, and raise a family: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the U.S. House of Representatives join the leaders of the Rochester community in acknowledging the many contributions of Mr. Phillip J. Henoch and wishing him a happy 81st birthday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY GRANITE CITY, IL

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 9, 1996

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I want to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a prominent community in my district which is celebrating its 100th anniversary. On March 9, 1996, Granite City, IL, will celebrate its centennial at a special banquet at St. Gregory's Armenian Center.

The residents of Granite City make up a very proud community, one with a diverse ethnic makeup and hard-working reputation. The city is home to steel factories, medical centers, and meatpacking houses, as well as the

Charles Melvin Price Army Support Center and a variety of excellent small businesses.

It has been my pleasure to represent Granite City in the Congress since I was elected in 1988. The local officials and residents are committed to making their community a better place to live, with improved schools, enhanced infrastructure, and opportunities for area residents to make a living and care for their families.

Together, we have worked to make the Price Center a strong military facility; secure funding to improve the McKinley Bridge; help area steel companies expand their factories; struggle through the great flood of 1993; and create more opportunities for local companies at the Tri-City Port District.

As Granite City looks to the future, its next 100 years, we can be assured that as long as the community continues to work together to achieve progress, opportunity lies ahead.

CHRIS J. WITTING RECOGNIZED AS CIVIC LEADER IN CENTRAL NEW YORK

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 9, 1996

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true civic leader, a man who has not only led the way for manufacturing interests in central New York but has touched the lives of thousands of his fellow citizens with his philanthropy, his counsel, and his encouragement.

Chris J. Witting, a former industrialist who headed Syracuse's Crouse-Hinds Corp. in its heyday, has been a personal inspiration to me and to many others in public life. An astute businessman, Chris Witting has been a model of success—even in what I call relative retirement.

His belief in the power of individuals and their positive-thinking has spurred many of us to boldly persevere in the formation of public policy that is in keeping with our values.

Chris Witting is loved and respected throughout central New York. I will honor him at a public event February 19 in our hometown of Syracuse, NY. I look forward to presenting him with a copy of this memorial, a small token of my personal gratitude for the great impetus he has given to progress in central New York.

I would ask my colleagues today to join me in saluting an American who has lived up to the expectations of the Founding Fathers when they called for strength of spirit and determination in all things in order to build a great Nation.

I offer thanks and congratulations to Chris Witting for his lifetime of dedication to our quality of life and our outstanding community.

SALUTE TO BANKS CONTRACTING CO., INC.

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 9, 1996

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Banks Contracting Co., Inc., an African-American owned general contracting firm that specializes in commercial and industrial renovations.

As many residents or visitors to the Baltimore-Washington area can attest, Banks Contracting Co. has worked on some of the most important sites in the area constructed over the last 15 years. Sites to which Banks Construction has contributed include some of Baltimore's most famous and visited locales, including the National Aquarium, Camden Yards, and the Baltimore Arena. Banks is currently working on the Baltimore Children's Museum, which is slated to open in 1998. In addition to these well-known landmarks, past clients include the Johns Hopkins Hospital, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, NationsBank, the University of Maryland, Westinghouse, and Toyota, to name but a few.

In addition to these business successes, Banks also has a strong reputation within the community. The company has addressed the needs of the community throughout the years by serving as a mentor to young men and women in the construction field. Several of these young people, with financial and business assistance from Banks Construction Co., have moved on and established their own successful businesses.

In addition, Banks Construction is also a member of the Maryland/District of Columbia Minority Supplier Development Council and has, in the past, contributed its resources to the Contractor's College in Baltimore. In 1995, Banks was the key corporate sponsor for the Associated Black Charity's 10th Annual Fundraising Celebration and in 1994 it received the Administrator's Award for Excellence from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Banks has also been recognized in past years by Westinghouse and the Maryland/District of Columbia Minority Supplier Development Council.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I applaud Banks Construction Co. for its excellence not only as a contractor on some of Baltimore's most important projects, but also a member of our community, one that is willing to give some of its gifts back to its community.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN LAWRENCE, EDUCATOR

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 9, 1996

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker. I rise to pay tribute to one of Florida's preeminent educational leaders upon his retirement from a

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